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GRAIN REFINING AGENT TO METAL MELTS

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

This Amendment is intended to be fully responsive to the Office Action dated April 12, 2004.

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows: